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TAGS: PFOR, PROP, EG, UR, US

SUBJECT: APPARENT DISINFORMATION EFFORT IN EGYPT  
AGAINST U.S.

REF: CAIRO 2876

1. DEPARTMENT (SOBER, NEA) HAS DISCUSSED WITH YEO THE PURPORTED OFFICIAL USIS ATHENS RELEASE ON SPEECH ALLEGEDLY MADE BY YEO IN 1976. YEO HAS AUTHORIZED YOU TO USE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, OR POINTS FROM IT, AS YOU SEE FIT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS. BEGIN QUOTE:

MR. YEO WAS INFORMED BY A USG OFFICIAL THAT A REPORT IS CIRCULATING IN EGYPT WHICH CLAIMS THAT MR. YEO MADE A SPEECH ENTITLED "THE U.S. INVESTMENT AND EGYPTIAN ECONOMY". HE WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT HE WAS DESCRIBED IN THE REPORT AS AN OFFICIAL WHO ACCOMPANIED FORMER SECRETARY OF TREASURY SIMON ON HIS LAST TRIP TO EGYPT. MR. YEO STATED THAT THE FACTS IN THIS ALLEGED REPORT, AS HE UNDERSTANDS THEM, ARE TOTALLY FALSE. DURING HIS TENURE AS UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS FROM AUGUST 1975 TO JANUARY 1977, MR. YEO STATED, HE NEVER SPOKE BEFORE THE DETROIT ECONOMIC GROUP ON ANY SUBJECT. NOR DID HE MAKE A SPEECH ON "THE U.S. INVESTMENT AND EGYPTIAN ECONOMY, OR ANY SPEECH ON EGYPT, BEFORE ANY GROUP. MR. YEO NOTED THAT ON MARCH 26, 1976, HE WAS IN FACT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FINALLY, MR. YEO NOTED, HE DID NOT ACCOMPANY FORMER SECRETARY SIMON ON HIS LAST VISIT TO EGYPT. IN THIS REGARD, MR. YEO NOTED THAT HE HAS NEVER BEEN TO EGYPT. END QUOTE.

2. YOU MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP ON YOUR DISCUSSION WITH FAHMY ON THIS MATTER, REAFFIRMING THE OBVIOUSLY FRAUDULENT NATURE OF THE REPORT IN QUESTION AND DRAWING ON YEO'S OWN  
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COMMENTS TO US AS YOU MAY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE. YOU COULD MAKE SIMILAR POINTS IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER EGYPTIANS AS YOU SEE FIT, INCLUDING A FIRM DENIAL THAT USIS ATHENS EVER PUT OUT A PRESS RELEASE OF THE KIND IN QUESTION.

3. YOU MAY SOLICIT FAHMY'S VIEWS ON WHAT FURTHER ACTION HE BELIEVES MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO PUT THIS CANARD TO REST. WOULD HE FAVOR SOME PUBLIC EFFORT TO THIS END IN WASHINGTON AND CAIRO, AS YOU SUGGESTED? BEGIN FYI. QUOTED STATEMENT IN PARA 1 ABOVE IS NOT FOR PUBLIC USE. END FYI.

4. RECEIPT OF DOCUMENT IN QUESTION WILL FACILITATE OUR ANALYSIS OF ITS POSSIBLE ORIGIN AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF ITS IMPLICATIONS.  
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